

Sangtam language

Sangtam, also called **Thukumi**, **Isachanure**, or **Lophomi**, is a Naga language spoken in northeast India. It is spoken in Kiphire District and in the Longkhim-Chare circle in Tuensang district, Nagaland, India.

Dialects

Ethnologue lists the following dialects of Sangtam.

- Kizare
- Pirr (Northern Sangtam)
- Phelongre
- Thukumi (Central Sangtam)
- Photsimi
- Purr (Southern Sangtam)

The standardized dialect of Sangtam is based on the Tsadanger village speech variety.

Phonology

Sangtam is unusual in having two stops with bilabial trilled release, / \widehat{t}_B , / \widehat{t}_B^h .^[3]

Sangtam	
Thukumi	
Lophomi	
Native to	Nagaland, India
Region	East-central Nagaland, Tuensang and Khiphire districts
Ethnicity	Sangtam
Native speakers	76,000 (2011 census) ^[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Central Naga ▪ Sangtam
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nsa
Glottolog	sang1321 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sang1321) ^[2]

Consonant phonemes of Sangtam

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Labiodental</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Postalveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
Nasal		m			n			n̥	ŋ	
Plosive	<u>plain</u>	p		t̥		t̥		c̥	k̥	?
	<u>aspirated</u>	p ^h		t̥ ^h		t̥ ^h		c ^h	k ^h	
Affricate	<u>plain</u>	ʈʂ			ʈʂ		ʈʃ			
	<u>aspirated</u>	ʈʂ ^h			ʈʂ ^h		ʈʃ ^h			
Fricative	<u>voiceless</u>		(f)		s̥		ʃ̥		x̥	h̥
	<u>voiced</u>		(v)		(z)					
Approximant				l̥	r̥		j̥			

All phonemes with /t/ are dental

/ʈ/ is realised like /ʈ̥/

Vowels

	Front	Back
Close	i	u
Close-mid	e	o
Open/ Open-mid	a	ʌ

All vowels can have high, mid, or low tone

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